

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed November 15, 2004. Claims 1-20 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-20 were rejected. In order to expedite and advance the prosecution of the present Application, Applicant amends Claims 1, 11 and 15. Thus, Claims 1-20 remain pending in the Application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

In the Office Action, the following actions were taken or matters were raised:

SECTION 102 REJECTIONS

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,481,431 issued to Siahpolo et al (hereinafter "*Siahpolo*"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Of the rejected claims, Claims 1, 11 and 15 are independent. Applicant respectfully submits that *Siahpolo* does not disclose or even suggest each and every limitation of Claims 1, 11 and 15 as amended. For example, Applicant respectfully submits that *Siahpolo* does not disclose or even suggest a carrier/support member "adapted to support insertion of the drive into the chassis in a first direction . . . [and] move the drive in a second direction transversely relative to the first direction . . . [and] support insertion of the drive into the chassis in a transverse orientation coplanar with the first and second directions" as recited by Claims 1, 11 and 15. *Siahpolo* appears to disclose that the drive of *Siahpolo* is loaded into the chassis of *Siahpolo* from the top of the chassis and that actuation of the handle 40 of *Siahpolo* moves the drive into engagement with a connector (*Siahpolo*, column 4, lines 40-60, column 5, lines 36-67, column 6, lines 1-20, figures 7 and 8A-8D). *Siahpolo* also appears to disclose that the orientation of the drive of *Siahpolo* is disposed in an orientation perpendicular to the insertion direction (*Siahpolo*, column 4, lines 40-60, column 5, lines 36-67, column 6, lines 1-20, figures 7 and 8A-8D). Thus, *Siahpolo* does not disclose or even suggest insertion of a drive into a chassis in an orientation coplanar with both the insertion direction and the direction of

transverse movement of the drive to engage the drive with a connector as recited by pending Claims 1, 11 and 15. Therefore, for at least this reason, *Siahpolo* does not anticipate amended Claims 1, 11 and 15.

Claims 2-10, 12-14 and 16-20 that depend respectively from independent Claims 1, 11 and 15 are also not anticipated by *Siahpolo* at least because they incorporate the limitations of respective Claims 1, 11 and 15 and also add additional elements that further distinguish *Siahpolo*. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 2-10, 12-14 and 16-20 be withdrawn.

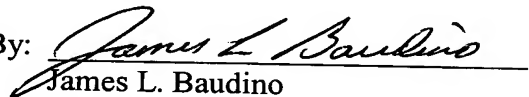
CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

No fee is believed due with this response. If, however, Applicant has overlooked the need for any fee due with this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this Response to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 of Hewlett-Packard Company.

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